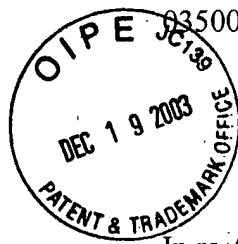


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In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Katherine A. Bareford  
MIKI OGAWA )  
: Group Art Unit: 1762  
Application No.: 09/910,886 )  
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Filed: July 24, 2001 )  
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For: METHOD OF PREPARING )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time from November 29, 2003 to and including December 29, 2003 in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and encloses a check for \$110.00 to cover the extension fee. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, kindly amend the subject application as follows: